

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,911) in view of Xiao (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,431). Claim 10 was objected to because of use of the word "contact" which makes the claim unclear and the Examiner suggested that the word "cantilever" be substituted therefor. Claims 2-3 and 11-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and were otherwise indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accordance with this response, claims 1, 3, 10, 12 and 13 have been amended, and claim 2 has been canceled. The specification has been revised to correct a typographical error introduced in the prior response.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner pointing out the lack of clarity in claim 10 and suggesting that the word "contact" be replaced with the word "cantilever. Claim 10 has accordingly been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Dependent claims 12 and 13 have likewise been amended to change "contact" to --cantilever-- to be consistent with amended base claim 10. As the objection to claim 10 has been overcome, claim 10 together with dependent claims 11-13 have now been placed in allowable form.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 2, thereby placing claim 1 in allowable form. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended to depend on base claim 1 rather than now-canceled claim 2, and claim 3 is therefore likewise allowable.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, the combined teachings of Shimazawa et al. and Xiao do not disclose, suggest or render obvious the subject matter recited in pending claims 1, 3 and 10-13. As all objections and rejections have been overcome, the application is now believed to be in allowable form.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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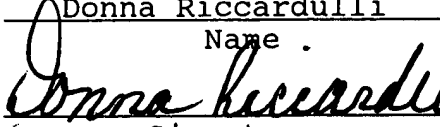
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